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House of Representatives Local Government Committee Chairman Edward Greef and Representatives of the Committee P.O. Box 200500 Helena, MT 59620-0500

RE: Senate Bill 294 – Hospital District Authority to Borrow Money

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important piece of legislation. As volunteer Board Members and taxpayers within the Hospital District, we would like to express our sincere hope that you would look favorably on SB 294.

The Prairie Community Hospital is a key economic driver in Prairie County, and it has garnered strong public support over the years. We hope that you will allow us the ability to extend the District's borrowing capabilities from 15 to 30 years as long as voter approval for the extended period has been obtained.

Sincerely,

Gary Pfiefle, Chair

**Prairie Community Hospital Board**